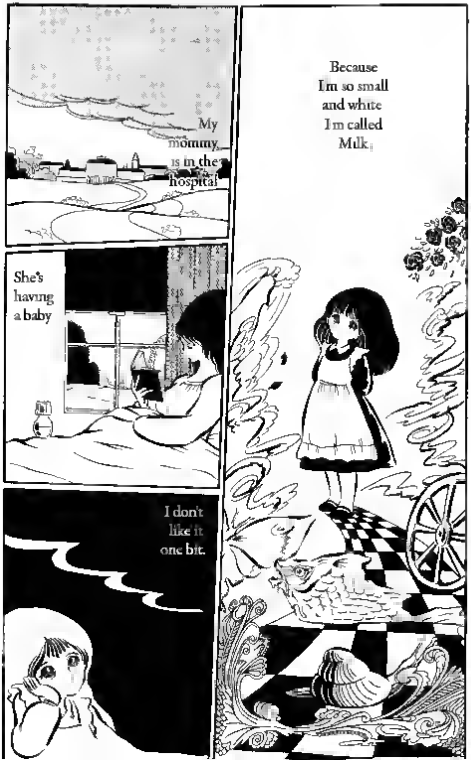
The Time Milk Wound
the Spring

I'm sure mommy and daddy will care more about my new brother (or sister) than me.
I told my dad, who unusually enough was home (he's a sailor)...
You shouldn't be thinking stuff like that Milk
Daddy smiled (it was a twitchy kind of smile) and said...
And if I get a sister, I'll boil her in a pot (Or the other way around. It doesn't really matter)
If I get a brother I'll throw him into the washing machine


My mommy is in the hospital
She's having a baby
I don't like it one bit.
Because I'm so small and white I'm called Milk.

Long ago, in Earth's warm oceans, these hazy, formless, jelly-like lifeforms were born.
Time passed, and they changed into things that looked like jellyfish.
And then they became fish.
And the fish grew legs, and left the sea for the land.
where they became huge lizards.

Wouldn't that be terrible for mommy, who's having such a hard time with the birth?
Is having a baby really that difficult?
You could say that... Now, listen to what I'm going to tell you.
The inside of mommy's belly is just like the Earth itself, and these same things happen in there too.

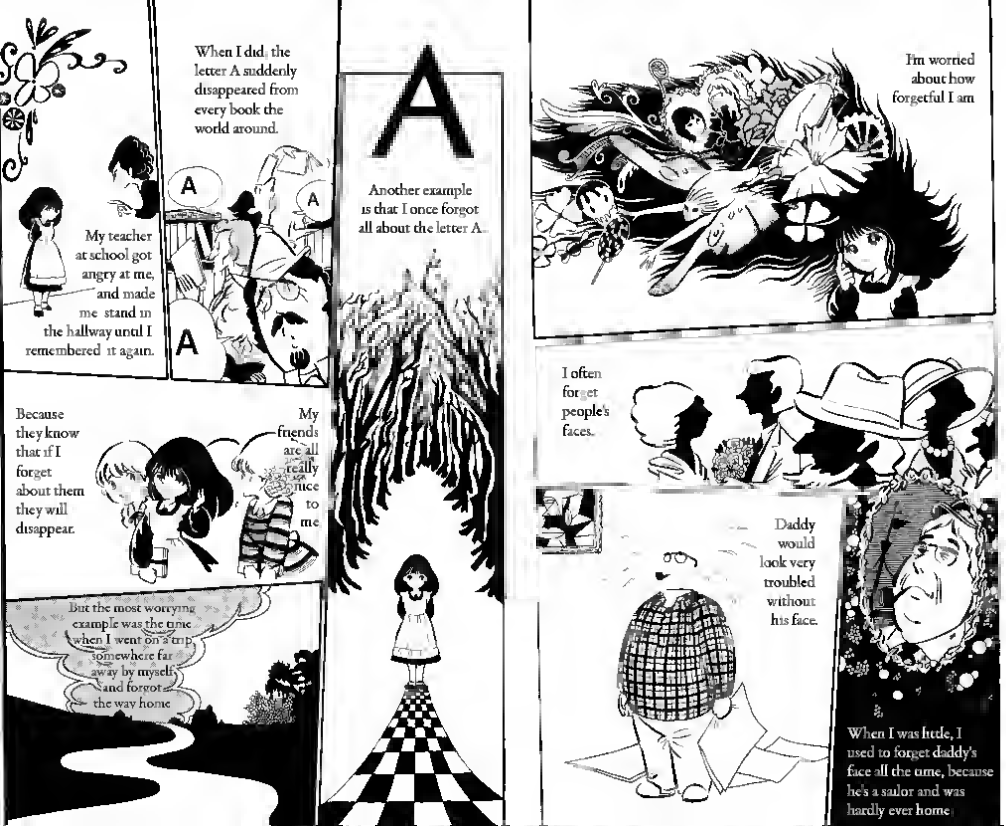
But I have one thing I want to ask of you
Dear God, I promise I'll be kind to the baby when he's born
Mommy doesn't need to strain herself all the way until it becomes a human. It'll be just fine if it's born half-way
I don't want a normal little brother or sister
Something that ordinary is no fun at all
Dear God, please let the baby be born early so that mommy can get some rest soon!

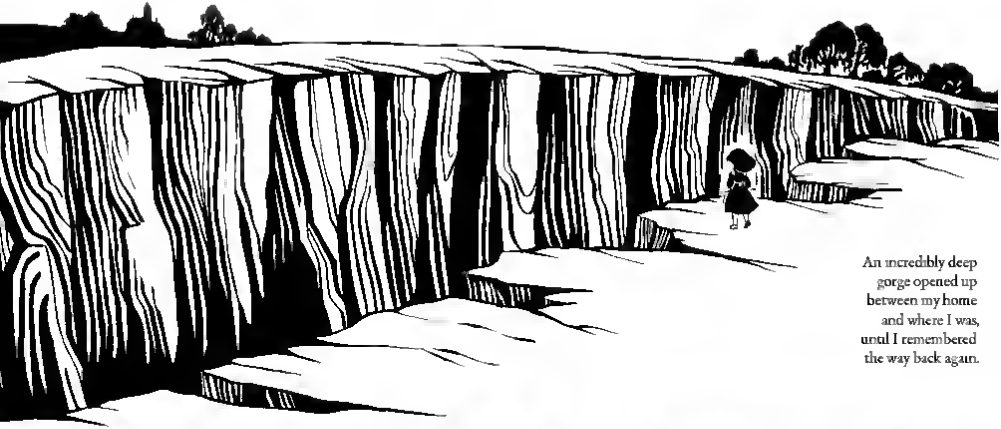
The baby was born really quickly, and I really liked my new little brother (he was a boy).

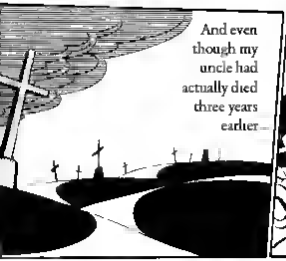
He really is my kind of kid!

Right now, your mommy is doing the same thing inside her belly.
Since all that hard work was required for him to be born, you should treasure the baby.
That night, I prayed to God.
The lizards grew hair, and they became mammals and birds.
And finally, from the monkeys, humans were born.

Sometimes
I take my
brother out
for a walk
in the city

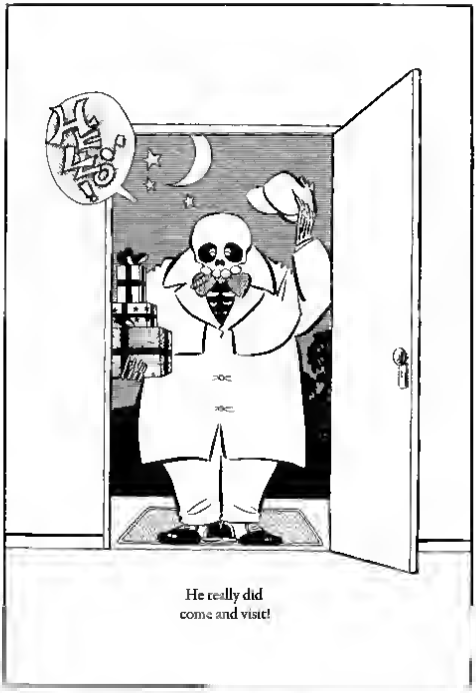

When I did, the letter A suddenly disappeared from every book the world around.
My teacher at school got angry at me, and made me stand in the hallway until I remembered it again.
A
A
A
A
Another example is that I once forgot all about the letter A.
I'm worried about how forgetful I am
I often forget people's faces.
Because they know that if I forget about them they will disappear.
My friends are all really nice to me
But the most worrying example was the time when I went on a trip somewhere far away by myself, and forgot the way home
Daddy would look very troubled without his face.
When I was little, I used to forget daddy's face all the time, because he's a sailor and was hardly ever home.





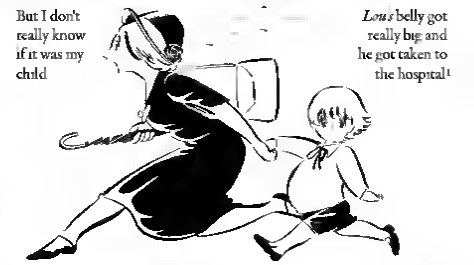
Sometimes the opposite thing happened.

My boyfriend Lou acts all grown up, so he wanted to kiss me.
If you kiss somebody, you'll have a baby!
No way!
You're so stupid!
Really! So come on!
You won't have a baby from just kissing!
Really?
Smooch!
Mmm... OK.

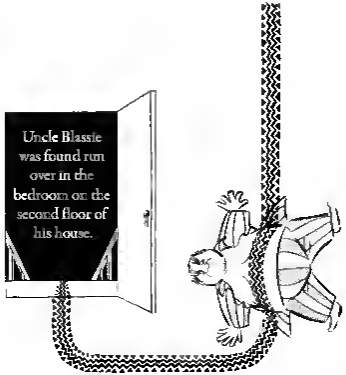

He really did come and visit!

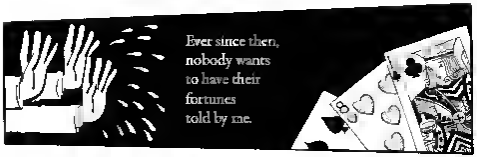
After learning how to tell fortunes with playing cards, I tried it out on my three uncles.
Umm
Uncle Blassie, be careful around cars
Uncle Máscaras you're going to marry an older woman
Uncle Kowalski, The cards say that you should watch out above

However! Lou is a *big fat liar*! You *can* have a baby from just that!


But I don't really know if it was my child
Lou's belly got really big and he got taken to the hospital!

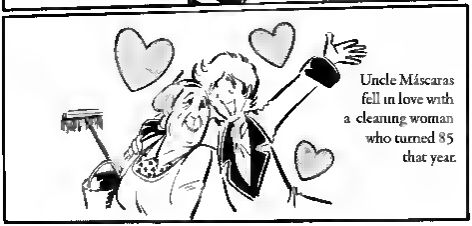
I pretended like I didn't know anything about it just like all the other girls.


Uncle Blassie was found run over in the bedroom on the second floor of his house.

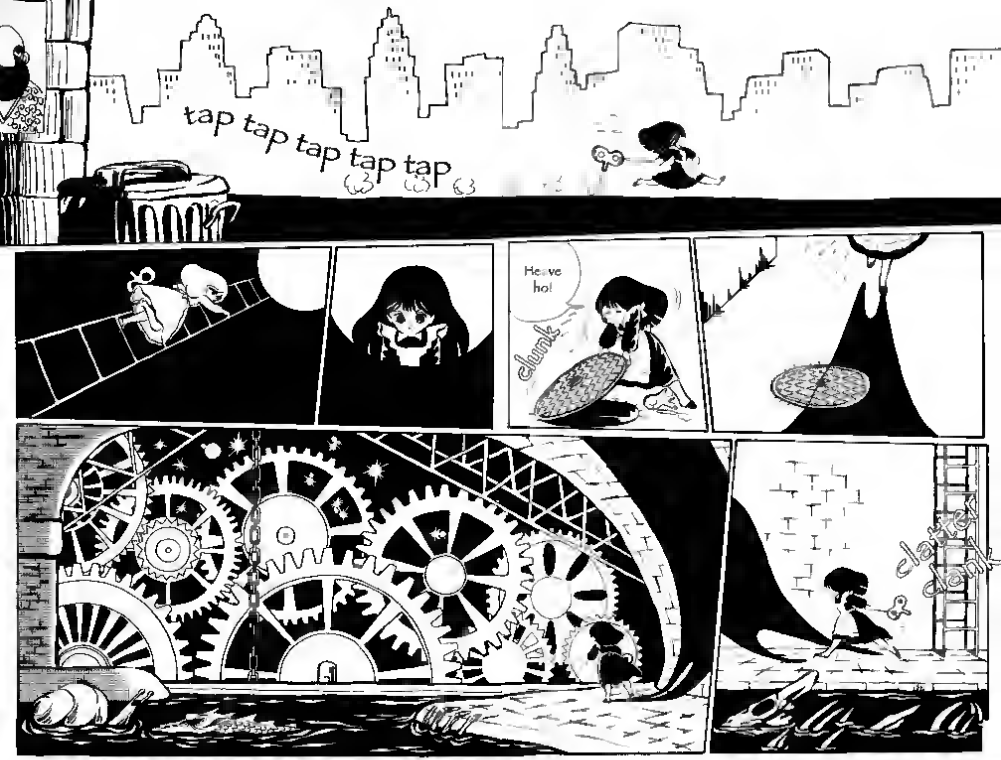

Ever since then, nobody wants to have their fortunes told by me.

Well..I don't really mind.
I was just spouting nonsense anyway

Then, one month later...
Uncle Kowalski was crushed to death by a falling piano while crossing the Sahara Desert


Uncle Máscaras fell in love with a cleaning woman who turned 85 that year.

People and cars,
cats and dogs,
they all stopped
moving
One day, the
Earth stopped.
Airplanes
just floated
in the sky
It was all because
I had forgotten to
wind the spring.


tap tap tap tap tap
Heave ho!
clunk
clank
clank
clank

And everybody got back to their busy jobs.
The days started feeling really short
3 4 5 6 7
But! It turns out I wound the spring a bit too much!
My dress suddenly became too small and my legs got longer.
When you're a kid a day is a really long time but when you're an adult
a day feels like it passes in the blink of an eye
Well you see, Milk,
That's because you're growing up
Mommy told me.
Time started passing faster

crink
And a one...
crink! crink crink
Phew That should keep it running for another gear or so
Ka-chunk! Ka-chunk! Ka-chunk!
creak... creeeak...
NOT LIKE
MOON
The Earth started moving again.

I made like I was impressed like a good little kid...
Oh, I see...
But what *really* happened only I know!
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The End.